PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT



MEETING DATE: October 13, 2004 ITEM No. _____ GOAL: Coordinate Planning to Balance Infrastructure

SUBJECT

Los Padres Bank - 25-UP-2004

REQUEST

Request a conditional use permit for a bank in an existing building on a 20,800 +/- square feet parcel located at 14100 N Northsight Blvd with Service Residential Planned Community Development District (S-R PCD).

Key Items for Consideration:

- Conforms to the general plan.
- The bank is compatible with surrounding uses in Northsight.
- There is no known opposition to this proposal.
- Meets all use permit criteria.
- No changes to the existing site and no drive-thru proposed.

No significant traffic impact compared

to the existing use.

Related Policies, References:

58-ZN-1988 and 26-DR-1995

OWNER

Northsight Corp Mike Leary 480-991-1111

APPLICANT CONTACT

Dave Wood 602-703-5948

LOCATION

14100 N Northsight Blvd

BACKGROUND

Zoning.

The site is zoned Service Residential, Planned Community District (S-R, PCD). This zoning district allows for a bank with a conditional use permit. The purpose of this district is to provide administrative, clerical, and professional offices of a residential scale and character to serve nearby residential and commercial areas. It is also intended to be a transitional zone, and should be used to buffer low density residential uses from more intense land uses.

General Plan.

The General Plan Land Use Element designates the property as Office. With the underlying zoning being service residential, the area conforms to the minor office designation. The uses allowed with this designation have characteristics that generate low to moderate traffic volumes, could be located off of collector streets, generally one-story buildings with at grade parking, and strict



development and landscape requirements that protect any adjacent residential.

Context.

The existing building is located within the 400-acre Northsight mixed-use project, specifically at 14100 Northsight Boulevard. The properties to the north and south, both vacant, of the site are also zoned S-R, PCD. Vanguard Corporate offices, zoned I-1, PCD, are located east of the site and the Northsight Park borders the western property line. Beyond the park is a single-family neighborhood.

APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL

Goal/Purpose of Request.

The applicant requests approval of a conditional use permit for a bank. The site consists of an existing building that already includes an entrance driveway, on-site parking, and open space with mature landscaping. The applicant will not change or add anything to the site including a service drive-thru for the bank. The exterior of the building will also remain unchanged except for a possible sign for the bank. The proposed bank will primarily cater to corporate and businesses compared to a retail bank that caters to the general public.

3,511 sq. ft.

Development Information.

Gross Floor Area:

•	Existing Use:	office

• Buildings/Description: existing one story building

• Parcel Size: .48 acres (net)

Building Height Allowed: 18 ft.
Existing Building Height: 18 ft.

• *Net Floor Area*: 2,798 sq. ft.

• Open Space Required: 5,045 sq. ft.

• Open Space Provided: 8,432 sq. ft.

• Parking Required for building: 12 parking spaces

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IMPACT ANALYSIS

Traffic.

The existing building contains 2,798 square feet of gross leasable area, which is currently being utilized as general office space. The conversion of this space to a bank land use is estimated to generate 438 daily trips based on the data contained in ITE's *Trip Generation*, 6th *Edition*. The bank will primarily cater to corporate and businesses compared to a retail bank that caters to the general public. The site is accessed from Northsight Boulevard, a four-lane major collector street, which has adequate capacity to accommodate the potential increase in traffic from this change in land use.

Use Permit Criteria.

Conditional use permits, which may be revocable, conditional, or valid for a specified time period, may be granted only when expressly permitted after the

Planning Commission has made a recommendation and the City Council has found as follows:

- A. That the granting of such conditional use permit will not be materially detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare. In reaching this conclusion, the Planning Commission and the City Council's consideration shall include, but not be limited to, the following factors:
 - 1. Damage or nuisance arising from noise, smoke, odor, dust, vibration or illumination.
 - The proposed use is not anticipated to generate any significant noise, smoke, odor, dust, vibration or illumination.
 - 2. Impact on surrounding areas resulting from an unusual volume or character of traffic.
 - The proposed use is not expected to generate an unusual volume or character of traffic. Northsight Boulevard, a fourlane major collector street, has adequate capacity to accommodate the potential increase in traffic from this change in land use.
 - 3. There are no other factors associated with this project that will be materially detrimental to the public.
 - No other detrimental factors are expected to occur with the proposed use on this site.
- B. The characteristics of the proposed conditional use are reasonably compatible with the types of uses permitted in the surrounding areas.
 - The proposed use is compatible with other existing professional offices, banks, and commercial uses on surrounding properties.
- C. The additional conditions specified in the S-R zoning district for banks have been met.
 - 1. The maximum gross floor area of the building shall be five thousand (5,000) square feet.
 - The existing building has a gross floor area of 3,511 sq. ft. The applicant has not proposed to add any new square footage to the building.
 - 2. If the bank is to include drive-thru services there shall be a maximum of two (2) drive-thru windows.
 - The applicant proposes no drive-thru services or windows. If a
 drive –thru window is proposed in the future, a revised traffic
 analysis will be required along with Development Review
 Board review and approval.
 - 3. Setbacks: There is a 50 ft. required side and rear setback from single-family residential districts and a 25 ft. side and rear setback from a multi-family residential district
 - The existing site does not abut a single-family residential or a multi-family residential district.

- 4. A minimum six-foot high masonry wall buffer shall be provided on all property lined that abut a residential district. The wall shall be contiguous to a minimum five-foot wide planter.
 - The existing site does not abut a single-family residential or a multi-family residential district.

Community Involvement.

The applicant held an open house meeting on September 7, 2004 and mailed information regarding their Use Permit request to all property owners within 750 feet of the subject site. The applicant received no comments from the public regarding the proposed bank. Staff has received no comments from the public at the time of writing this report.

STAFF

Recommended Approach:

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval, subject to the attached stipulations.

RESPONSIBLE DEPT(S)

Planning and Development Services Department

Current Planning Services

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ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Applicant's Narrative
- 2. Context Aerial
- 2A. Aerial Close-Up
- 3. Land Use Map
- 4. Zoning Map
- 5. Stipulations
- 6. Citizen Involvement
- 7. City Notification Map
- 8. Existing Site Plan

PROJECT NARRATIVE August 27, 2004

Business Banking Center for Los Padres Bank 14100 N. Northsight Blvd. 406-PA-2004

Request

The proposal is locate a business banking center for Los Padres Bank in the building formerly used as the on-site marketing sales center for the 400-acre Northsight project. Los Padres Bank wishes to establish a banking presence within the Airpark area to serve the strong and expanding business sector. Because of its business banking orientation, there will not be any drive-thru facilities nor changes to the building structure and site improvements. As such, the look and use of the property will continue to operate more as an office use rather than a traditional retail bank.

History/Context

To the west the property abuts the 400' wide Northsight Park detention basins. Vacant but similarly zoned property is located immediately north and south. To the east across Northsight Boulevard is the 3-story 350,000 SF Vanguard southwest regional complex. The single-story building was constructed in 1995 by Northsight Corporation and Treaccar Realty, the developers and marketers for the Northsight project. The building was built in compliance with the approved drainage and site lighting plan. There have been no changes to the site since the original construction. Two banks are currently located in the immediate area – Desert Schools Federal Credit Union at the SEC of Northsight Boulevard and 87th Street and Home National Bank (HNB) directly across the street on the west side of Northsight Boulevard. HNB is on similarly zoned S-R property and received a conditional use permit.

Ordinance Discussion

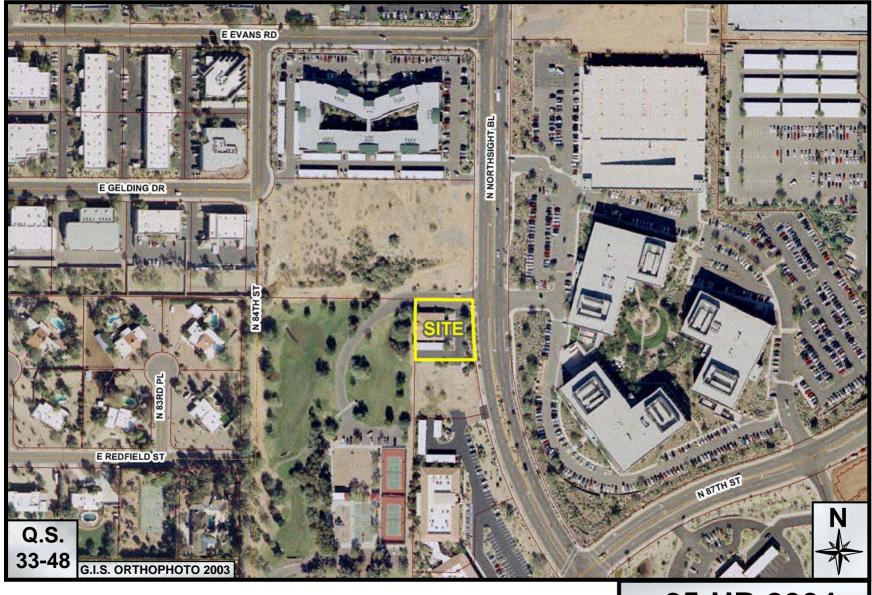
Banks require a conditional use permit in the S-R zoning district and are subject to the following additional requirements: a maximum gross floor area of 5,000 SF (existing building 3,500 SF); a maximum of 2 drive-thru windows (no drive-thru proposed); and setbacks/buffers from any adjoining residential (no adjoining residential). The parking requirements (12 required and 12 provided) are identical for offices and banks at 4 spaces per 1,000 square feet of net floor area per the Northsight amended parking standards approved in case 58-ZN-1988. The existing building and site improvements were approved per case 26-DR-1995 and have remained unchanged. Consistent with the Northsight Master Drainage Plan, stormwater is discharged directly into the Northsight Park.

Traffic Impact

Although retail banks (especially with drive-thru facilities) would typically generate a higher number of trips than general office, the proposed business banking center (especially without drive-thru facilities) should generate no greater number of trips than might otherwise occur for other business/professional/medical office use.

Conclusion

Due to the office-like nature of the proposed use and the existence and approval of two other banks nearby, the proposal satisfies all the conditional use permit criteria: (a) granting of the conditional use permit will not be materially detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare; (b) the characteristics of the use are reasonably compatible with the type of uses permitted in the surrounding areas; and (c) the additional requirements for banks have been satisfied.



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General Plan (Existing) RAINTREE DR BLVD NORTHSIGHT HAYDEN RD SITE THUNDERBIRD RD **Rural Neighborhoods** Commercial Office Suburban Neighborhoods **Urban Neighborhoods Employment** Natural Open Space Mixed-Use Neighborhoods Developed Open Space (Parks) Resorts/Tourism Developed Open Space (Golf Courses) Shea Corridor Cultural/Institutional or Public Use **Mayo Support District Regional Use District** McDowell Sonoran Preserve (as of 8/2003) Recommended Study Boundary of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve

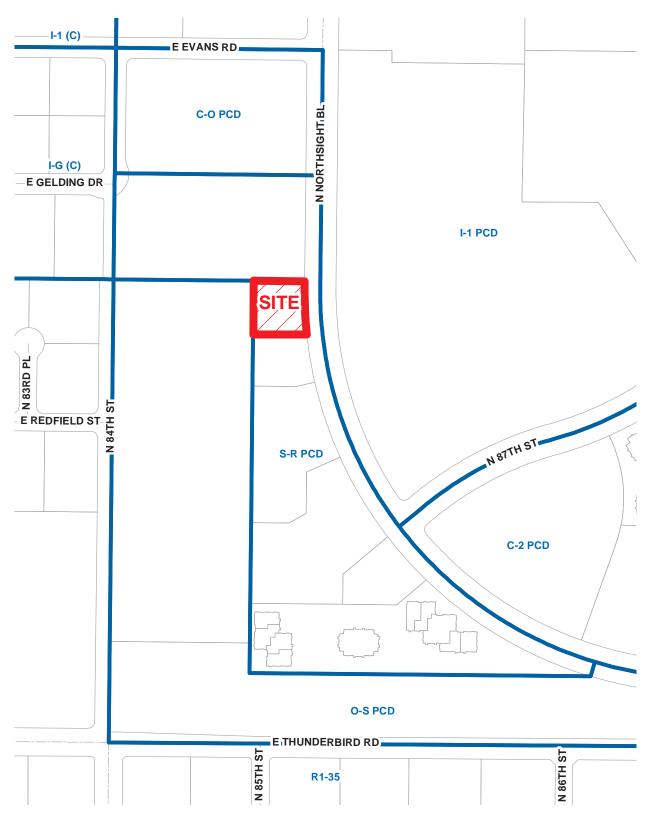


25-UP-2004 ATTACHMENT #3

Adopted by City Council October 30, 2001
Ratified by Scottsdale voters March 12, 2002
revised to show McDowell Sonoran Preserve as of August 2003
Revised to reflect Case 4-GP-2002, adopted by City Council October 29, 2002

Location not yet determined

City Boundary



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ATTACHMENT #4

STIPULATIONS FOR CASE 25-UP-2004

PLANNING/ DEVELOPMENT

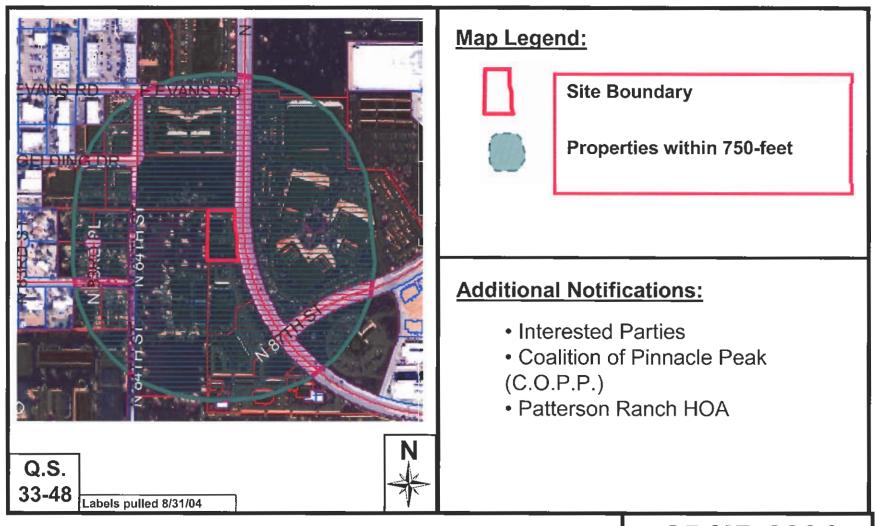
- 1. CONFORMANCE TO DEVELOPMENT SUBMITTAL. Development shall conform to the site plan submitted by Gilbertson and Associates with a date of 8/5/04. These stipulations take precedence over the above-referenced site plan. Any proposed significant change, as determined by the Zoning Administrator, shall be subject to subsequent public hearings before the Planning Commission and City Council.
- 2. DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD APPROVAL. Any other improvements proposed on this site in the future are subject to the Development Review Board process prior to applying for any permits for construction. With this case, there are no drive-thru windows or services approved. If a drive –thru window is proposed in the future, a revised traffic analysis will also be required with the Development Review Board process.

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Attachment #6. Citizen Involvement

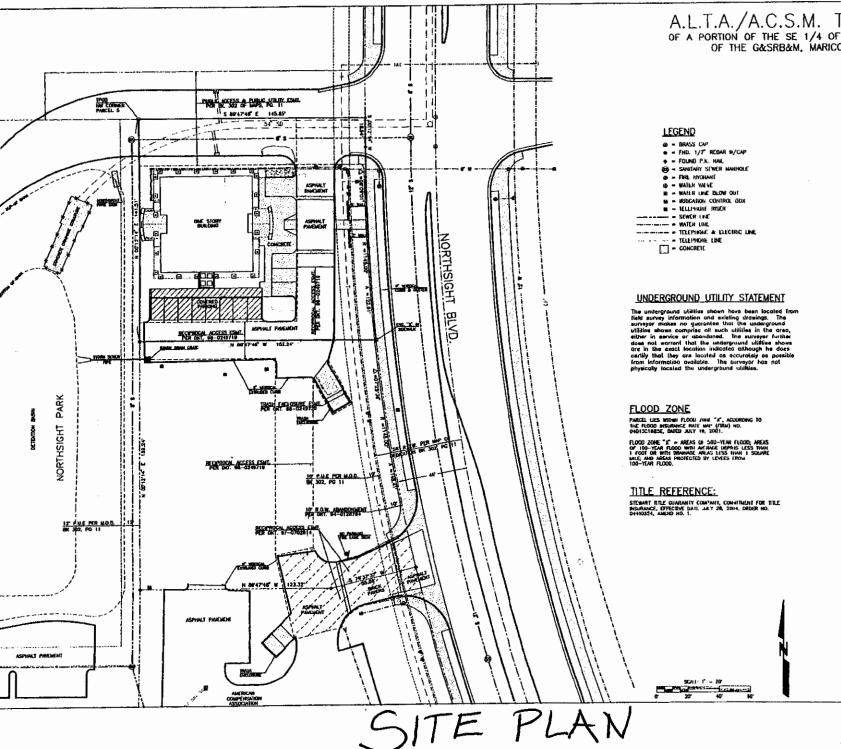
The above attachment is on file at the City of Scottsdale Current Planning office, 7447 E Indian School Road, Suite 105.

City Notifications – Mailing List Selection Map



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A.L.T.A./A.C.S.M. TITLE SURVEY OF A PORTION OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 12, T.3N, R.4E OF THE G&SRB&M, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA.

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